Environmental Caution, SlowGo, Go Map

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PROBLEMS:

1. 93rd “JUMP” during STX
Units move within and between training sites in the middle of the night.

2. 93rd BDE’s request: *“Tell us where we can <u>not</u> train”*

3. Consensus: current environmental approval is paperwork-intensive and cumbersome

4. Units perceives sub-training areas “pre-approved sites” as being told where to train.

ISSUES:

1. Unconstrained or unmonitored training could result in:
    Legal violations (federal laws)
    Degradation of land asset (closed TAs)

2. STX “JUMP”
    Not planned in advance with environmental considerations Under current system “JUMP” is in violation of NEPA

3. Currently, responsibility of environmental compliance on DPW’s shoulders.

PROPOSED PLAN:

Short Term:

1. Update\Reformat ‘Environment Caution, SlowGo, Go Map’

2. Create unit field recognition training (ENRMO/ITAM Briefing)

3. Increase amount of Sub-training Areas from 13 to 36

4. Increased field inspections by Range Control\ITAM\ENRMO

5. Increase Environmental Awareness (posters, fliers, ads, etc.)

Long Term:

6. Update Ongoing Mission Environmental Assessment
   - Eliminates need for checklists, EPR funding may be two yea

7. ITAM\ENRMO work with S-3’s to better incorporate mission nee
   Natural Resources management.

INTERIM SYSTEM:

Unit:

1. Unit attends field recognition briefing once per quarter

2. Unit submits ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST for starting points

3. Units uses “Caution Map” in planning and operations to avoid known locations of environmental hotspots

4. Upon “JUMP”, unit radios Range Control with new grids
- If JUMP occurs at night, then unit radios RC next business morning

5. Units clear TAs with Range Control when areas vacated after the STX - Includes clearing JUMP sites

ITAM/ ENRMO:

1. Update\reformat Environment Caution Map

2. Develop and give field recognition briefing

3. Continue to increase number of Sub-training areas (“Pre-approved sites”)

DISCUSSION POINTS:

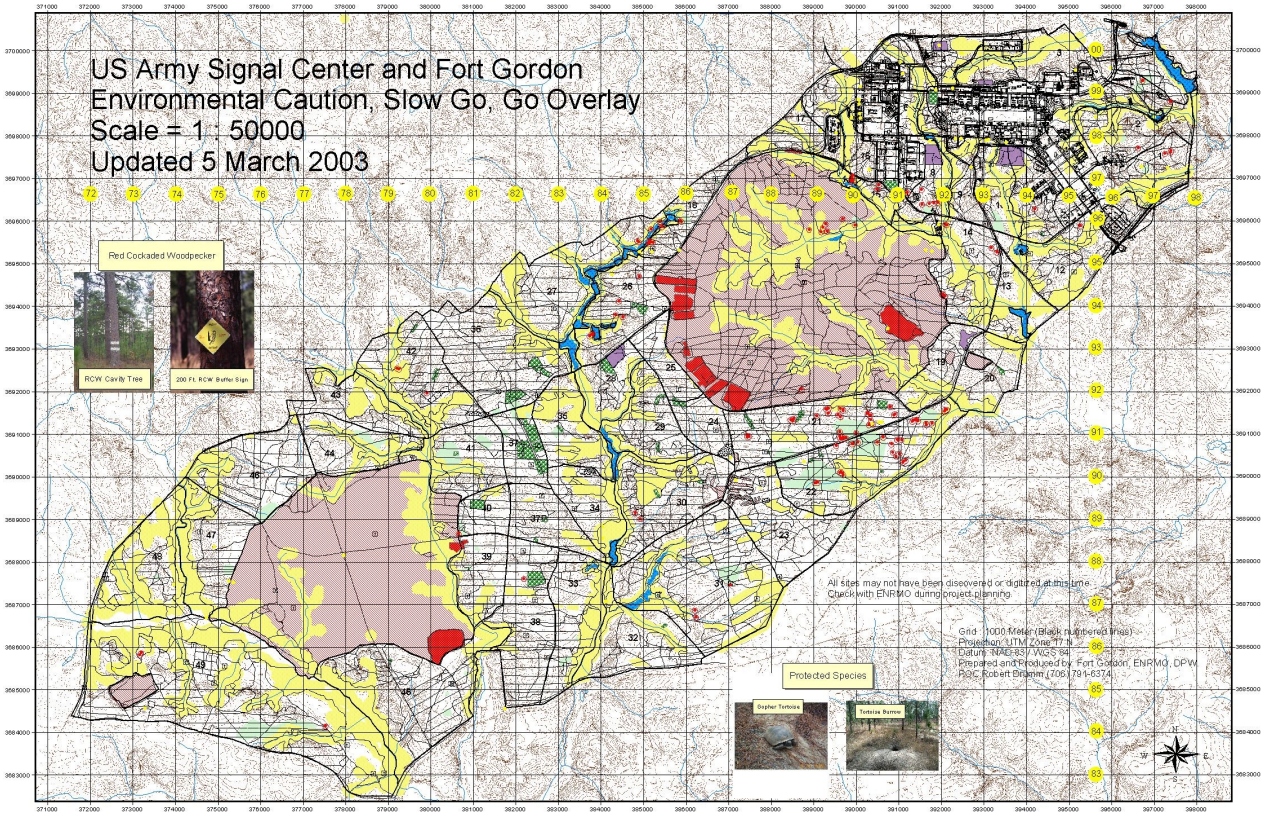
1. Responsibility for avoiding endangered species, archeological sites, cemeteries, etc. shifts from ENRMO and ITAM to the UNITS.

2. In the long run, updating the Ongoing Mission Environmental Assessment eliminates requirement for ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST for repetitive training scenarios

3. Field recognition briefing for environmental consideration
- Units must be trained to recognize areas in the field b\c areas may not have been included on the map
-Briefed as part of other Risk Assessments before each field exercise.

4. Increase field inspection to insure compliance

5. Garrison Command, DPTM would require:
Penalties for non-compliance
Better Communication with Range Control
Field recognition briefing will be DPTM\Garrison mandatory


US Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon
Environmental Caution, Slow Go, Go Overlay
Scale = 1 : 50000
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Red Cockaded Woodpecker
RCW Cavity Tree
200 Ft. RCW Buffer Sign
All sites may not have been discovered or digitized at this time.
Check with ENRMO during project planning.
Grid : 1000 Meter (Black numbered lines)
Projection: UTM Zone 17 N
Datum: NAD-83 / WGS 84
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Protected Species
Gopher Tortoise
Tortoise Burrow

Key

Brown Lines are USGS 10 Foot Contour

Training Area Boundary	OFF LIMITS	Cemetery	Caution
Roads and Firebreaks	Artillery Firing Points	Sub-Training Area (Preapproved)	Slow Go
Streams	Landfills	Red cockaded woodpecker (RCW) cavity tree	Protected Site
Lakes	Ranges	200 ft RCW Cavity Tree Buffer	

= Sub-Training Areas are "preapproved training sites". For SOP visit ENRMO website http://gordon.army.mil/dpwpri/preapproved.html or visit Range Contol website: http://gordon.army.mil/dptm/range%20control.htm

CAUTION AREA

- NO digging
- NO MKT
- NO Field Showers
- "Foot-traffic only" off roads/firebreaks
- Vehicles ONLY on established roads/firebreaks
- Refueling from 5 gallons can ONLY

SLOW GO

- Concentrated areas of protected species or sites
- Red Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) (see RED DOTS)
- Training limits within 200ft of cavity tree
- Follow 1996 ARMY RCW Guidelines

GO AREA [Areas not shaded]

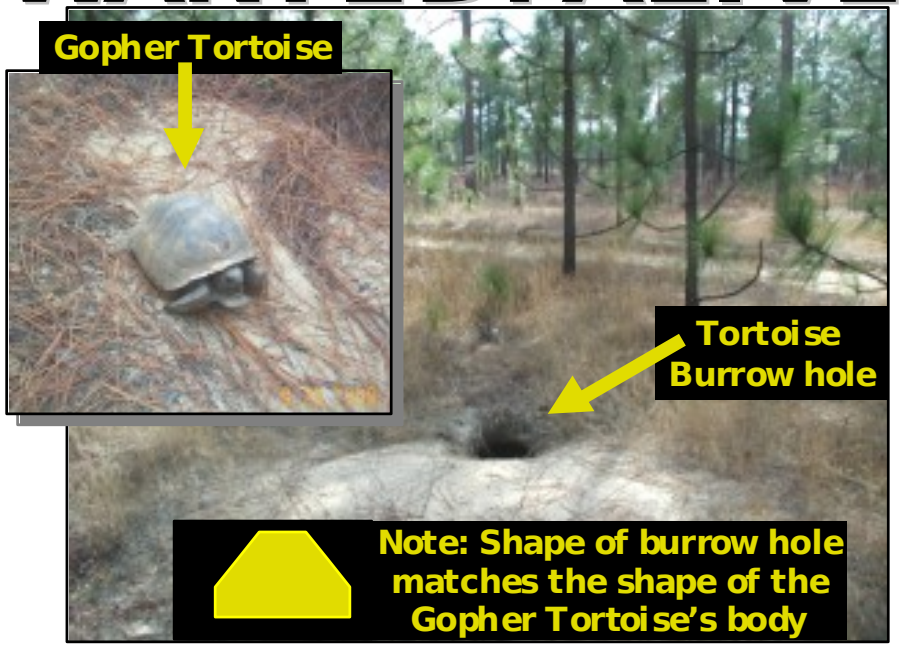
- Coordinate DIGGING with Range Control
- Coordinate pyrotecnics (including CS & smoke) with Range Control on DAILY BASIS
- Vehicles off road only in/out of training site

Note: BEFORE exit road: recon site for Gopher Tortoise burrows (25ft between vehicle and burrow)

- MKT and field showers must comply with FM-21-10

No "Gray Water" will be allowed to enter stream or lake

WANTED: ALIVE*



BEWARE

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE!

Protected Species. . Keep your distance!

They are a threatened species in Georgia…
Gopher tortoise occur across the entire installation. No vehicles are allowed within 25ft of a tortoise burrow. Bivouac site should be surveyed for gopher tortoise burrows before vehicles leave the road.

Do NOT touch or harass a gopher tortoise. If you encounter… allow the tortoise to proceed without contact, unless they are in life-threatening danger.